

**DPW Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 7/15/15**  
**7:00 p.m. - Police Station Community Room**

**Approval Items:**

Board of Commissioners Minutes Approval: Commissioner Gardner moved to accept the minutes from 6/24/15, Commissioner Reed seconded, Vote: 3-0. Commissioner Gardner moved to accept minutes from 6/8/15, Chairman Sena seconded, Vote: 2-0. Commissioner Reed abstained because he did not attend the meeting.

**Open Session**

**Open for Public Discussion with the Commissioners:**

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, asked the Commissioners if they had heard anything regarding the MBTA after meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Commissioner Gardner said they submitted suggestions around the easements, and have not heard anything yet. Commissioner Reed said the MBTA is considering moving the track away from the field, and would like to approach it in two stages. He stressed this information is very preliminary. The cost would be between \$500,000 to \$700,000. One issue is some people in town feel the tool company crane that is located there is a historical landmark. The Board of Selectman indicated if it is an historical landmark, they will find a place to put it. T. Arsenian asked about the noise abatement. No one was sure about this issue because DPW is not involved, and the MBTA is working under DEP regulations.

Cathy McConnell, 1 Evans Way, attended the meeting with several neighbors to discuss paving her street. She said she is representing other neighbors as well. The street is not accessible for her handicapped mother or disabled neighbor, and is really not safe for anyone. C. McConnell presented quotes from three different paving companies which J. Parisi looked at. She said because this part of Evans Way is private, the residents are willing to pay for the work. She explained their plan for paving. She wanted to know if she needed approval from the DPW. The Board had no objections. They said they would be willing to take a look at the street, and discuss any suggestions they might have with the contractors doing the job. She left a plate of brownies for all to enjoy!

Sydney Wedmore, Board of Health, suggested defibrillators should be located at the various beaches. They could be kept at the lifeguard stations. The police would have to be consulted because they are in charge of the lifeguards. Commissioner Reed suggested talking to the Chief.

Eric Sayre, 2 Andrews Hollow, would like to install a connection to dispose of waste water for his new home at 2 Andrews Hollow, and his parent's home at 4 Andrews Hollow, and for whoever would need to connect to it in the future. This is because there are wetlands to consider, and Title V is cost prohibitive. A discussion followed about how this would work. Commissioner Gardner moved to accept the low pressure sewer line at 2 Andrews Hollow Road (with the approval of J. Parisi), Commissioner Reed seconded, Vote: 3-0.

S. Kishida, 34 Marmion Way, attended the meeting to get the backing of the DPW when she asks the Board of Selectman to sign letters of support for Paint Stewardship Legislation. These letters will be

sent to Representative Ferrante and Senator Bruce Tarr. Currently, there is legislation making its way through the Senate placing a seventy-five cent fee on every can of paint sold. The legislation is supported by the paint industry. It would allow consumers to return unwanted paint to retailers who will then dispose of it safely and properly. This would also cover legacy paint (paint that has already been purchased). Consumers will still be able to bring their paint to hazardous waste events but this costs the town more (75 cents versus \$8.00). The paint companies have set up a system to handle the returned paint. A non-profit called Paint Care will be administering the program. According to S. Kishida, the eight states who have passed this legislation have had great success. Commissioner Gardner moved to accept the Mass Stewardship Paint legislation proposal, Commissioner Reed seconded, Vote: 3-0.

### **New Business:**

Trash pickup on weekends: Sydney Wedmore, Board of Health, is requesting trash be picked up twice a day on summer weekends. He said by midday, there is too much trash to be left for the next day. J. Parisi acknowledged the problem, and has asked the custodian to do a second run. They have been doing it now for two weeks. It will be done mid-afternoon so the cans don't overflow. Dr. Wedmore said the Board of Health is asking any business that generates trash to have a barrel, and take responsibility for keeping their area clean. Commissioner Reed suggested dropping off the regulations to these businesses. The regulations state that food establishments should have their own barrel. Sometimes businesses put their overflow trash in town barrels. Commissioner Gardner suggested asking the police to keep an eye out for this. The Board of Health will keep in contact with J. Parisi regarding the overflowing barrels. There may be some locations where a second barrel could be added. This plan will be reviewed in October.

Providing non-fluoride water for the town: Sydney Wedmore cited the vote in town approving fluoride in the water was 1,200 to 800. Consequently, there is a legitimate consideration of the 800 voters in town who do not have a choice. Dr. Wedmore asked the DPW to explore the feasibility and cost implications of putting in a spigot so the public (if they wish) could get non-supplemented Rockport water. J. Parisi talked about how this might be accomplished. Commissioner Gardner suggested someone make a proposal at town meeting to see if the town wants to pay the approximate \$25,000 plus engineering costs. If the majority of people at town meeting vote to do it, it can be put in place. More discussion followed about who would pay for this water. The Board of Health agreed to champion it at town meeting, and the DPW agreed to provide the actual costs and logistics. According to Z. Seppala, Granite Street, school dental reports from 1925 to 1947 indicate that "we were doing pretty well" before fluoride was put in the water.

Commissioner Reed talked about developing a one-way DPW Facebook page. The intent of the page is to get town information out to the community without getting comments back. Tim Olson said this is possible. Users would be redirected to the page from the Rockport website. Are there any legal questions? Commissioner Reed suggested the Board of Selectmen be notified this is the way the DPW wants to go, and have it put on their next agenda. Commissioner Gardner felt waiting on the Board of Selectmen might hold everything up. T. Olson was asked if he could create a "mock" page as an example. He said he would check with Matt. Commissioner Reed moved to request that the Board of Selectmen put the DPW on the next agenda at their next meeting for discussion on Facebook communication with the community or any other social media, Chairman Sena seconded, Vote: 3-0.

**Tickler List**

Cell tower lease funds  
Green Communities/Energy efficiency  
Sewer use regulations  
Transfer Station Redesign  
DPW Facility  
Paving Plan  
FaceBook Discussion (Commissioner Reed)  
Update on the worksheet of Special projects (Chairman Sena)  
Goals & Objectives (Commissioner Gardner)

**Back Beach and Pigeon Cove repairs:**

Bill Riley from FEMA has everything he needs. An article was placed on the Fall Town Meeting warrant for additional funding to repair the two ends of the wall. The FEMA proposal will fund the 150 foot middle section.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 8/5/15, 7pm at the library. Commissioner Reed and Chairman Sena will try to be at the Board of Selectmen meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn, Commissioner Gardner seconded, Vote: 3-0.